



FACT SHEET

U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet

107th Fighter Squadron

Flying the A-10 Thunderbolt II, the 107th Fighter Squadron is one of the oldest flying units in the U.S. Air Force. Known as "The Red Devils," the squadron has served on multiple deployments in recent years, including launching aircraft to defend sovereign U.S. airspace on Sept. 11, 2001.

The 107th Fighter Squadron is a component of the 127th Operations Group of the 127th Wing and is a part of the Michigan Air National Guard. The unit is based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base and is comprised of approximately 28 pilots and 45 support personnel. The 107th FS is closely supported by the 127th Maintenance Group which maintains the A-10 aircraft assigned to Selfridge.



History

The 107th was first organized as the 107th Aero Squadron at Kelly Field, Texas, on 27 Aug. 1917 in response to the U.S. entry into World War I earlier that year. The unit was demobilized and disbanded in March 1919, following the conclusion of the war. In 1925, a squadron of 20 officers and 90 enlisted men began meeting weekly in a Detroit garage and created the Michigan National Guard's first flying unit. On 7 May 1926, the unit received federal recognition and was designated the 107th Observation Squadron. Through more than 20 major aircraft and related name changes, the unit has been in operation as the 107th ever since. After more than 40 years of operations at Detroit-Metropolitan Airport, the unit has been assigned to Selfridge since 1971. It was designated as the 107th Fighter Squadron on 15 March 1992 and began flying the A-10 Thunderbolt II on 2 May 2009.

Major Deployments

- 1940-1946: Activated for World War II. Assignments included: Anti-submarine patrols along U.S. East Coast; tactical reconnaissance in the European Theater. Primary aircraft included P-51 and F-6.
- 1951-52: Mobilized to Luke AFB in Arizona as part of a pilot training wing during the Korean War. Primary aircraft: F-84.
- 1997 to Kuwait for Operation Sothern Watch. Primary aircraft: F-16
- 1999 to Incirlik, Turkey, in support of Operation Northern Watch. Primary aircraft: F-16
- 2001 to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia for Operation Southern Watch. Primary aircraft: F-16
- Spring 2003 to Incirlik, Turkey, in support of Operation Northern Watch -- which marked the first time since World War II the unit dropped weapons (over Iraq). Primary aircraft: F-16
- 2004 for Operation Iraqi Freedom as the first USAF F-16 unit based in Iraq, at Kirkuk Air Base (the unit participated in the Battle for Fallujah). Primary aircraft: F-16
- 2007 for Operation Iraqi Freedom based at Balad Air Base. Primary aircraft: F-16
- 2011-12 to Kandahar, Afghanistan. Primary aircraft: A-10.

Lineage

Organized as **107th Aero Squadron**** on 27 August 1917
Re-designated: **801st Aero Squadron** on 1 Feb 1918
Re-designated: **801st Aero Squadron (Repair)** on 21 Feb 1918
Demobilized on 18 Mar 1919
Reconstituted and consolidated (1936) with **107th Observation Squadron** which, having been allotted to the Michigan NG, was activated on 7 May 1926
Ordered to active service on 15 Oct 1940
Re-designated: **107th Observation Squadron (Light)** on 13 Jan 1942
Re-designated: **107th Observation Squadron** on 4 Jul 1942
Re-designated: **107th Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter)** on 31 May 1943;
Re-designated: **107th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron** on 13 Nov 1943
Inactivated on 9 Nov 1945
Re-designated **107th Bombardment Squadron (Light)**, and allotted to Michigan ANG, on 24 May 1946
Ordered into active service on 1 Feb 1951
Re-designated: **107th Pilot Training Squadron** on 1 Feb 1951
Relieved from active duty and returned to Michigan ANG, on 1 Nov 1952
Re-designated: **107th Fighter-Bomber Squadron**, 1 November 1952
Re-designated: **107th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron**, 1 November 1953
Re-designated: **107th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron**, 1 July 1958
Re-designated: **107th Tactical Fighter Squadron**, 1 July 1972
Re-designated: **107th Fighter Squadron**, 15 March 1992

** This unit is not related to another 107th Aero Squadron (Service) that was activated in March 1918 at Rich Field, Waco, Texas.

Assignments

- Post Headquarters, Kelly Field, 27 August-31 October 1917
- Aviation Concentration Center, 31 October-7 December 1917
- Replacement Concentration Center, AEF, 2 January-21 February 1918
- 3d Aviation Instruction Center, 21 February 1918 – 4 January 1919
- Commanding General, Services of Supply, 4 January-8 March 1919
- Eastern Department, 8-18 Mar 1919
- Michigan NG (divisional aviation, 32d Division), 7 May 1926
- Fourth Corps Area 15 Oct 1940
- V Army Corps, c. Dec 1940
- 67th Observation (later Reconnaissance; Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 1 Sep 1941-9 Nov 1945
- 127th Fighter Group, (many designations), 29 Sep 1946–31 March 1996
- 127th Wing, 1 April 1996-present

Stations

- Kelly Field, Texas, 27 August 1917
- Aviation Concentration Center, Garden City, New York, c. 31 October-7 December 1917
- St. Maixent Replacement Barracks, France, 2 Jan 1918
- Issoudun Aerodrome, France, 21 Feb 1918
- St Nazaire, France, c. 4 Jan 1919-unkn
- Camp Mills, Garden City, New York, c. 8-18 Mar 1919
- Detroit Airport, Michigan, 7 May 1926
- Romulus Army Airfield, Michigan, c. 1929
- Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, 28 Oct 1940
- Charleston Army Airfield, South Carolina, c. 14 Dec 1941
- Esler Field, Louisiana, 30 Jan-12 Aug 1942
- RAF Membury (AAF-466), England, c. 7 Sep 1942
- RAF Aldermaston (AAF-467), England, 25 Nov 1942
- RAF Membury (AAF-466), England, 8 Jan 1943
- RAF Middle Wallop, England, 11 Dec 1943
- Deux Jumeaux Airfield (A-4), France, 28 Jun 1944
- Le Molay Airfield (A-8), France, 5 Jul 1944
- Toussus-le-Noble Airport (A-46), France, 29 Aug 1944
- Gosselies Airfield, Belgium, 16 Sep 1944
Operated from: Chievres Airfield (A-84), Belgium, 7-18 Dec 1944
- Vogelsang Airfield (Y-51), Germany, 23 Mar 1945
- Limburg Airfield (Y-83), Germany, 4 Apr 1945
- Eschwege Airfield (R-11), Germany, 9 Apr-5 Jul 1945
- Drew Field, Florida, 16 Sep-9 Nov 1945
- Wayne City Airport, MI, 29 Sep 1946-1 Feb 1951
- Luke AFB, Arizona, 1 Feb 1951-1 Nov 1952
- Detroit-Wayne Major Airport, Michigan, 11 September 1952
- Selfridge Air National Guard Base), Michigan, July 1971–Present

Aircraft

- Included Consolidated PT-1, Northrop BT-1, and Douglas O-2 during period 1927-1932
- Douglas O-38, 1931-1941
- In addition to North American O-47, c. 1938-1942,^[9] and O-49, 1941-1942
- Included Curtiss O-52 Owl, A-20 Havoc, and P-51A Mustang in 1942
- Spitfire PR XI, 1942-1944
- L-4 Grasshopper, 1942-1943
- F-3A Havoc and DB-7 Boston, 1943
- F-6B Mustang, 1943-1945
- F-51H Mustang, 1946-1950
- F-84 Thunderjet, 1950-1952
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- F-84 Thunderjet, 1951-1952
- F-86E Sabre, 1952-1953
- F-89C Scorpion, 1953-1958
- RF-84F Thunderstreak, 1958-1971
- RF-101C Voodoo, 1971-1972
- F-100D Super Sabre, 1972-1978
- A-7D Corsair II, 1979-1989
- F-16 Fighting Falcon, 1989-2008
- A-10 Thunderbolt II, 2008–Present